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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on March 3, 2006, and should put the application into condition for allowance.

Claims 1 to 17 are canceled without prejudice to reentry and claims 20-34 are added. The new claims are patentable by their dependence from allowed claims 18 and 19, and are supported in canceled claims 2-17 respectively, with the exception of claim 29 that is supported at page 8, line 13 and page 9, line 5. Claim 18 is amended to recite a "delay period" for formal reasons, and the new dependent claims are also changed for formal reasons.

No fee is due. However, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but please consider this paper a petition for extension of time if needed.